

Dear Sirs

The following is the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk's response to the TEN-T policy review consultation:

It is noted that the government's '*starting point will be to maintain the current UK TEN-T routes, paying special attention to access and interchange points*' (paragraph 15). This approach is supported, as the value of the overall network is greatly enhanced by the provision of significant regional feeder/distributor routes within it.

In response to Question 4 ROAD: the continuing inclusion of the A47 as a TEN-T route as part of the comprehensive road network is strongly supported.

In response to Question 5 RAIL: The existing **London Liverpool Street-Harlow-Cambridge-Ely-King's Lynn** West Anglia Main Line TEN-T route provides regional railhead access to the international **Stansted Airport** and also connects to the existing **Birmingham-Nuneaton-Felixstowe** TEN-T route at Ely. The continuing inclusion of the London-Liverpool Street-King's Lynn West Anglia Main Line (WAML) as a TEN-T route and part of the comprehensive rail network is therefore strongly supported.

Additionally, the main **King's Lynn-Ely-Cambridge-London King's Cross** passenger route leaves the WAML TEN-T route at Cambridge, joining the existing high-speed **London-Edinburgh** East Coast Main Line (ECML) TEN-T route at Hitchin.

The **King's Lynn-Ely-Cambridge-London King's Cross** passenger service provides regional railhead access to King's Cross/St. Pancras International, where there is a high quality interchange to international rail services to Paris, Lille and Brussels (with reported likely extensions of the London-Brussels route to Antwerp/Rotterdam/Amsterdam and Liège/Aachen/Cologne).

Given that the existing King's Lynn-King's Cross service runs over two existing TEN-T routes (WAML and ECML) we would also strongly support inclusion in the TEN-T network of the Cambridge-Hitchin "missing link" between the two.

The designations WAML and ECML are as used by Network Rail.

We would also note that replacement trains for the **King's Cross - King's Lynn** route are currently under review by the Government. Current proposals are for Intercity Express Programme vehicles; the route is also included within the Thameslink Programme. Although the Government's decision as to the exact replacement train for the route awaits the outcome of the Spending Review, like other trains using the ECML, there will be a requirement for replacement trains to be fitted with **European Rail Traffic Management System** (ERTMS) equipment.

I would be grateful if you were able to take these comments into account.

Regards

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